



CITY OF DOVER

POOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: Dover Indoor Pool Meeting Room, 6 Henry Law Ave, Dover, NH
Meeting Date: Monday, March 21, 2022
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:00.

Roll Call: Jess Bonello, Pat Campbell, Christophe Cloitre, Tim Paiva, Suzanne Petersen (citizen volunteer), Steve Wyman

City Personnel Present: Gary Bannon, Erika Friedman, Deb Hackett

Absent: Chris Sleys

Approval of Agenda: n/a

Approval of Minutes from March 21, 2022:

Christophe Cloitre made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Tim Paiva seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Citizens' Forum: n/a

Reports:

Gary:

- Regulation of water temperature and humidity at the Indoor Pool has been challenging, due to internal and external issues. Vandalism of outside components is a big issue. Repairs to the system itself and improved fencing to prevent public access will take place soon.
- People are accessing the roof and this could result in damage to the solar panels. Increased police presence has been requested.
- Portable toilets at the park are being made unfit for public use due to drug abusers and general vandalism. The leasing company cleans them three times per week, but this is proving insufficient. Built-in, lockable, outside toilets are being considered. Public use of locker room toilets remains off-limits.

Erika:

- Life guard classes have been full, but resulted in only one new staff member.
- Staffing both pools this summer will be challenging. Lifeguards are in short supply nation-wide.
- Operations and attendance are pretty much back to pre-pandemic levels.

Finance and Budget:

- Current year-to-date is on track, almost back to pre-Covid level.
- Wage rates have gone up a bit.



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Old Business:

Athletic Facility Proposal Update:

- Tim Paiva reported that six entities responded to the request for interest and
- three submitted bids. The next step is to evaluate and ask for additional discussion for a request for proposals.

Jenny Thompson Pool Renovation Plan Update:

- Weston and Sampson was selected to guide the process and do a needs assessment. Work is scheduled to begin this fall and be completed in spring 2023.

Budget Approval:

- The pool budget for FY2023 was approved by the city council as submitted.
- Staying within the budget will be tight, with little wiggle room for unexpected expenses.

New Business

Staffing Needs: (Discussed in Erika's report)

Olympian Recognition Program:

- After soliciting public input, seven Dover Olympians dating back to the 1940s have been identified. The city is working to determine how these athletes will be noted: public signage, Faces of Dover, part of Dover 400 celebrations, etc.

Skatepark Project Update:

- Site preparation work at the skate park at Guppy Park has begun. Anticipated date of open operations is the fall. Overall, 400 parking spaces are available for the Jenny Thompson Pool, ice arenas, baseball park, and skate park, but 400 might not be sufficient.

Adjournment:

Tim Paiva made a motion to adjourn. Steve Wyman seconded. The motion was approved unanimously at 7:58.